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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 1036

GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL  
BEIRUT PASS DAMASCUS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, IS

SUBJ: ISRAELI POWS IN SYRIA

1. ISRAELI PRESS IN ITS STORIES FEB 21 ABOUT SECRETARY'S FORTH-  
COMING VISIT IS UNANIMOUS IN CONCLUSION THAT SYRIANS WOULD NOT HAVE  
ENCOURAGED START OF NEGOTIATIONS ON DISENGAGEMENT THROUGH  
SECRETARY IF THEY DID NOT HAVE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIVING ISRAELI POWS  
WHICH THEY KNEW WOULD BE "ACCEPTABLE" TO ISRAEL. (PRESS DOES NOT  
INDICATE WHAT AN ACCEPTABLE NUMBER WOULD BE, BUT IT IS GENERALLY  
KNOWN THAT GOI LISTS ABOUT 120 ISRAELI SOLDIERS WHO ARE MISSING  
AS POTENTIAL POWS IN SYRIA AND THAT GOI EXPECTS ACTUAL NUMBER  
OF POWS IN SYRIA TO BE SMALLER.)

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2. FRENCH EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAS SHOWN US FEB 18  
CABLE FROM FRENCH EMBASSY DAMASCUS REPORTING "RUMOR"  
MAKING ROUNDS THAT SYRIA IS HOLDING 125 OR 126 ISRAELI POWS  
AND THAT FIVE OR SIX OF THESE ARE ACTUALLY CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS  
WHO WEREWORKING ON IDF RADAR SITES IN GOLAN HEIGHTS WHEN  
CAPTURED. COUNSELOR SAID HE THOUGHT THIS FIGURE WAS MUCH TOO  
HIGH. HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ABSOLUTE MAX-  
IMUM NUMBER OF POWS THEY BELIEVED SYRIANS HELD WAS NINETY.  
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